

A FAILED REPUBLICAN EDUCATION BILL AND IRRESPONSIBLE TAX CUTS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the House began debate on a Republican education bill that fails our Nation's schoolchildren.

Today, the Republican leadership is giving an irresponsible tax cut to the 2,400 wealthiest Americans. Some 2,400 people today will benefit from the cut and the repeal of the estate tax, and \$50 billion will be taken out of the revenue stream of this country over a 10-year period to benefit 2,400 people.

0930

My friends should do the mathematics. And because of this effort, what we will see is our youngsters shortchanged on their educational opportunities. Our first priority has to be to ensure that our Nation's children learn to their fullest potential and that their teachers have the tools necessary to be able to teach them.

The Republican bill does nothing to reduce class size, address the modernization of our schools, and it significantly cuts after-school programs because of a tax cut to the 2,400 wealthiest people in this country.

ONE PERCENT OF AMERICANS OWN 40 PERCENT OF AMERICA'S ASSETS

(Mr. ROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, today my Republican colleagues would like to do away with the estate tax entirely. Democrats propose a way to make sure that 99 percent of Americans do not pay any estate tax.

Who started the estate tax? The Republican, Theodore Roosevelt. Why? Because we did not want two different Americas.

Today in America, 1 percent of the people in America own 40 percent of the assets of America. It is growing bigger and bigger, this gap. Twice as much as it was 20 years ago. What do my colleagues on the Republican side of the aisle want to do? They want to make it worse. They want to give the richest 1 percent of America an enormous tax cut costing our country \$50 billion a year. With Social Security and Medicare going broke, with the \$5.6 trillion national debt, with our public schools falling apart, with needs for a strong defense, our Republican colleagues want to give a huge tax break, unneeded, unnecessary, to the 1 percent richest people in America who already control 40 percent of the Nation's wealth. It is obscene; it is a disgrace.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote for the modest estate tax relief under the Democrat bill.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUYKENDALL). Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 330, nays 51, answered "present" 2, not voting 51, as follows:

[Roll No. 251]

YEAS—330

Abercrombie	Cooksey	Hinchey
Ackerman	Cox	Hinojosa
Allen	Coyne	Hobson
Andrews	Cramer	Hoeffel
Archer	Crowley	Holden
Armey	Cubin	Horn
Baca	Davis (FL)	Hostettler
Bachus	Davis (IL)	Houghton
Baird	Davis (VA)	Hoyer
Baker	Deal	Hulshof
Baldacci	DeGette	Hunter
Baldwin	DeLauro	Hutchinson
Barcia	DeMint	Hyde
Barr	Deutsch	Inslee
Barrett (NE)	Diaz-Balart	Isakson
Barrett (WI)	Dicks	Jackson (IL)
Bartlett	Dingell	Jenkins
Barton	Doggett	John
Bass	Doolittle	Johnson (CT)
Bateman	Doyle	Jones (NC)
Becerra	Dreier	Jones (OH)
Bentsen	Duncan	Kanjorski
Bereuter	Dunn	Kelly
Berkley	Edwards	Kennedy
Berman	Ehlers	Kildee
Berry	Emerson	Kilpatrick
Biggert	Engel	Kind (WI)
Bilirakis	Eshoo	King (NY)
Bishop	Etheridge	Kingston
Blagojevich	Evans	Kleccka
Bliley	Everett	Knollenberg
Blunt	Ewing	Kolbe
Boehlert	Farr	Kuykendall
Boehner	Fletcher	LaFalce
Bonilla	Foley	LaHood
Bonior	Forbes	Lampson
Bono	Ford	Lantos
Boswell	Fossella	Largent
Boucher	Fowler	Larson
Boyd	Frank (MA)	LaTourette
Brown (FL)	Frelinghuysen	Leach
Brown (OH)	Frost	Lee
Bryant	Gallegly	Levin
Burr	Ganske	Lewis (CA)
Burton	Gejdenson	Lewis (KY)
Buyer	Gephardt	Linder
Callahan	Gibbons	Lipinski
Calvert	Gilchrest	Lofgren
Camp	Gonzalez	Lowey
Campbell	Goode	Lucas (KY)
Canady	Goodlatte	Lucas (OK)
Cannon	Goodling	Luther
Capps	Gordon	Maloney (CT)
Cardin	Graham	Maloney (NY)
Carson	Granger	Manzullo
Castle	Green (TX)	Martinez
Chabot	Green (WI)	Mascara
Chambliss	Greenwood	McCarthy (MO)
Clayton	Hall (OH)	McCarthy (NY)
Clyburn	Hall (TX)	McCrery
Coble	Hansen	McGovern
Coburn	Hastings (WA)	McHugh
Collins	Hayes	McInnis
Combest	Hayworth	McIntosh
Condit	Herger	McIntyre
Cook	Hill (IN)	McKeon

McKinney	Quinn	Smith (NJ)
Meehan	Rahall	Smith (TX)
Meek (FL)	Rangel	Snyder
Meeks (NY)	Regula	Souder
Menendez	Reyes	Spence
Mica	Reynolds	Spratt
Millender	Riley	Stabenow
McDonald	Rivers	Stump
Miller (FL)	Rodriguez	Sununu
Miller, Gary	Roemer	Talent
Minge	Rogers	Tanner
Mink	Rohrabacher	Tauscher
Moakley	Ros-Lehtinen	Tauzin
Mollohan	Rothman	Taylor (NC)
Moore	Roukema	Terry
Moran (KS)	Roybal-Allard	Thomas
Moran (VA)	Royce	Thornberry
Morella	Rush	Thune
Murtha	Ryan (WI)	Tiahrt
Myrick	Ryun (KS)	Tierney
Nadler	Salmon	Toomey
Napolitano	Sanchez	Trafigant
Neal	Sanders	Turner
Nethercutt	Sandlin	Upton
Ney	Sanford	Velazquez
Northup	Sawyer	Vitter
Nussle	Saxton	Walden
Ortiz	Scarborough	Walsh
Ose	Schakowsky	Wamp
Owens	Scott	Watkins
Oxley	Sensenbrenner	Watt (NC)
Packard	Serrano	Weiner
Pastor	Sessions	Weldon (FL)
Paul	Shadegg	Wexler
Payne	Shaw	Weygand
Pease	Shays	Whitfield
Peterson (PA)	Sherman	Wilson
Petri	Sherwood	Wise
Phelps	Shimkus	Wolf
Pickering	Shows	Woolsey
Pitts	Simpson	Wu
Pombo	Sisisky	Wynn
Portman	Skeen	Young (FL)
Price (NC)	Skelton	
Pryce (OH)	Slaughter	

NAYS—51

Aderholt	Jackson-Lee	Schaffer
Bilbray	(TX)	Stark
Borski	Johnson, E. B.	Stenholm
Brady (PA)	Kucinich	Strickland
Capuano	Latham	Stupak
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Sweeney
DeFazio	LoBiondo	Taylor (MS)
Dickey	McNulty	Thompson (CA)
Fattah	Miller, George	Thompson (MS)
Filner	Oberstar	Thurman
Gutierrez	Obey	Udall (CO)
Gutknecht	Olver	Udall (NM)
Hastings (FL)	Pallone	Visclosky
Hefley	Pascarell	Waters
Hill (MT)	Pickett	Weller
Hilliard	Pomeroy	Wicker
Holt	Ramstad	
Hooley	Sabo	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Metcalf Tancredo

NOT VOTING—51

Ballenger	Franks (NJ)	McDermott
Blumenauer	Gekas	Norwood
Brady (TX)	Gillmor	Pelosi
Chenoweth-Hage	Gilman	Peterson (MN)
Clay	Goss	Porter
Clement	Hilleary	Radanovich
Conyers	Hoekstra	Rogan
Crane	Istook	Shuster
Cummings	Jefferson	Smith (MI)
Cunningham	Johnson, Sam	Smith (WA)
Danner	Kaptur	Stearns
Delahunt	Kasich	Towns
DeLay	Klink	Vento
Dixon	Lazio	Watts (OK)
Dooley	Markey	Waxman
Ehrlich	Matsui	Weldon (PA)
English	McCollum	Young (AK)

0952

Mr. OBEY changed his vote from "yea" to "nay".

Mrs. WILSON changed her vote from "nay" to "yea".

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.